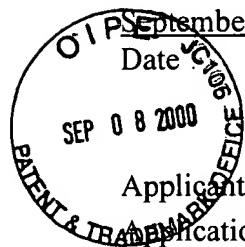


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 20, 2000, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on September 20, 2000. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II, claims 6-39, directed to methods for producing and using conditionally-immortalized dorsal root ganglion progenitor cells (rat or human), for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-5 and 17-46 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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